It's fun to plan your own Kitchen ... WITH CURTIS CABINETS



Time out for a neighbor's call, or a friend's "drop-in" visit! What fun to sit and chat when the kitchen's gay and you're proud to show it!





The day generally starts right when the kitchen is right...lots of roomy, easy-to-reach cabinets.



your Kitchen... hub of your home!



Hungry kiddies, busy mother! Lunch is ready in a jiffy when the kitchen is well-planned and Curtis-equipped. Every woman thrills at the sight of a beautiful kitchen. Your Curtis Kitchen can be an efficient "workshop"...and it may also be the center of your less formal living...a pleasant background for afternoon coffee...rainy-day puttering, and a midnight snack!

Late gossip...funny stories... a midnight snack in the kitchen. No bother at all... for the kitchen's Curtis.



it can be beautiful!

Your Curtis Kitchen can be as beautiful as you desire to make it. For kitchen beauty is not for the highest bidder—nor is it only for the well-to-do. It can be yours—if you exercise good taste and wise judgment in planning and purchasing • In 1866, Curtis started to manufacture woodwork for American homes. They have been at it ever since. These kitchen cabinets are part of the line of Curtis Stock Architectural Woodwork. They are made as well as Curtis knows how to make fine cabinetwork after eighty years of experience • Your Curtis kitchen can be as beautiful and practical as any pictured in this book. The fine design of the

cabinets, the excellent workmanship, the choice wood

used, the satin-smooth finish, the numerous labor-saving features, the accessories available—all are assured you when you buy Curtis cabinets—and all will contribute to the beauty of your kitchen • Another important plus value is the freedom in color selection. Curtis cabinets may be decorated after your own ideas. You select the color scheme you like best • We hope you get many helpful ideas for your own kitchen from this book. And may we suggest that you read it carefully! Any further information desired will be furnished by your local dealer, without obligation. A nationwide corps of Curtis Woodwork dealers stands ready to help you to realize your dream of a kitchen beautiful.

This U-type Curtis kitchen combines beauty with practical utility. The windows are Silentite Casements.





A splendid kitchen-dinette plan for small home or apartment. The service bar is popular now.

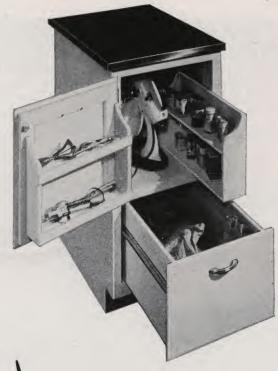
it must be practical!

Webster, a very practical individual, defines practical as "fit for doing". That's an excellent way to describe a Curtis kitchen. For your kitchen, if it is to be an improvement over your old one, must be practical. It must be "fit for doing things" • Important in kitchen planning is to place sink, stove and refrigerator to best possible advantage and surround each with modern cabinets arranged to reduce unnecessary steps and speed up the preparation, cooking and serving of meals. For no kitchen can be called practical that doesn't lighten housework—and give "Mrs. America" more leisure hours. That's the purpose of the Curtis-

equipped kitchen • In this book are many illustrations and word-pictures of the practical side of the Curtis kitchen. Particular attention is directed to pages 8, 10, 15, 16, and 17. All features incorporated in Curtis cabinets are the result of study, testing, experimenting, and working with women everywhere to determine the practical things to include in a kitchen—and how to include them economically. Curtis and Curtis dealers have planned thousands of kitchens for American housewives. From this wide experience we know you will find your Curtis kitchen will be very practical and very "fit for doing"—to repeat Webster's excellent definition.

Pictured on the right is a mixer and vegetable storage unit, with a compartment that will store any standard electric mixer.

Note the handy sliding spice shelves on the right hand wall... and the utensil rack on the door. The drawer below is a ventilated vegetable storage drawer of 1½ cubic ft. capacity. This has a removable galvanized dust pan mounted beneath a perforated metal bottom. This is one of the most practical units in the Curtis line. It may be placed in any desired spot in a kitchen—preferably next to a drawer unit.



Mixer and vegetable storage unit — $24\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 32" high, 18" wide. Design No. C-6713.

.. to store your reeds



... to save you steps

In a Curtis kitchen, appliances fit in around cabinets like they were built-in. That saves steps and reduces working hours. Note the space-saving ""round-the-corner units."

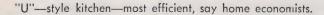


... to serve you well

Just the thing for snacks and quick lunches. Table top folds and slides into unit. Space below is like pan unit C-6710 (See P. 21). May be used alone, or with cabinet above, as illustrated.



"L"-style kitchen-most widely used of all plans.







More modern kitchens are of the "L" type than any other style. This is because doors leading to other parts of the house fit this cabinet arrangement more readily. This typical "L" kitchen is compact and streamlined. The refrigerator is on the right. It was planned for a large family—but the "L" arrangement may be larger or smaller—depending on family needs and size of room.

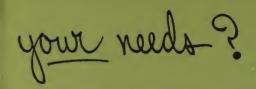
which type fits

Important determining factors in the kitchen plan you select are location of doors and windows and the wall space available. Here is an excellent U-type kitchen—considered by many home economists to be the most practical and labor-saving type. In the ideal "U" kitchen, sink, range and refrigerator form a close triangle and are surrounded by cabinets to provide ample storage space. This provides an efficient plan for the housewife.





When cupboard space is limited, the one-wall cabinet arrangement may be your logical choice—provided you will be able to include sufficient cabinets to efficiently serve your needs. Very often, particularly in remodeling, this arrangement is the only solution. Generally, it is the least expensive. Here seven stock Curtis units form a streamlined straight-wall assembly which provides maximum efficiency.



Similar to the "U" kitchen is the "Broken U." On the right is an excellent example. Stove and refrigerator are only a few steps from dining room. There are cabinets and drawers for every kitchen need. This style differs from the regular "U" inasmuch as the door to the dining room—or it may be an outside door or a window—breaks the regular "U" arrangement. Note Curtis corner case in dining room. These are often used in pairs.





Straight-wall kitchen-most economical for small home.

Broken-U kitchen plan. Widely used when space demands it.





3 • Silentite casements over sink! You'll want them in your kitchen.



2 • Quarter circle corner shelves for plants and pretty knick-knacks.



1 · Roomy shelves! Small spice shelf fits in any wall cabinet.



4 • Unit for over refrigerator or stove puts things within easy reach.



5 • Useful storage space under sink.

Note closed doors in kitchen picture.



This "dream kitchen" is right down to earth. It's a practical and space saving workshop for an active family. Note the eight "spotted" features illustrated. These are "stepping stones" to shorter hours in the kitchen.



6 • Combination pan and bread drawer unit with sliding wire shelf.



7 · Base corner unit goes 'round corner to save space.



8 • Handy tray case, with small drawer above for cutlery.

more time for leisure!

Gone is the kitchen that depended on wonderful smells for its appeal. Efficient kitchen planning, and the availability of practical and scientifically-built cabinets, has done much to reduce footwork in the kitchen. Shorter distances between refrigerator, sink, range, have cut miles from the homemaker's work day; intelligent cabinet arrangement enables her to carry activities forward straight-line ... no backtracking. The fact that work is done easier and quicker means the housewife has more time for leisure. She can sit down to her meals with as much relish as the rest of the family. Her scientific methods and her time- and step-saving Curtis kitchen leave her feeling fresh and enthusiastic . . . and never too tired for an enjoyable hour in her flower garden, or with some other hobby . This book touches only on the highlights of Curtis kitchen cabinets. Your dealer has his new Curtis catalog of stock woodwork, which gives complete information on Curtis cabinets, and sizes and dimensional information and many more interesting pictures. The Curtis dealer also has the big style book called "WOODWORK BY CURTIS". This style book is one of the most beautiful ever published. It shows several Curtis kitchens, in color, in large size photographs. You'll get a thrill from the new Curtis Style Book . It is full of ideas for making your home more than "just another house."

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It pictures all the woodwork you'll want for building or modernizing—not kitchens alone. You actually see and feel the beauty and good taste that fine woodwork contributes to a home. Have your dealer show you this book before you buy any cabinets or woodwork!

- While designed primarily as kitchen cabinets, Curtis stock units are used wherever storage space is needed
- Curtis cabinets are widely used in schools, church kitchens, laboratories, libraries, hospitals, laundries and clubs. Many schools and colleges use them in domestic science departments; several large test kitchens of leading home magazines are Curtis-equipped.





Include a "sit down" spot in your kitchen . . . and a place, maybe, for an extension phone, cook books, recipes, etc. This cabinet is pictured on page 5.



Cleaners, mops, brooms, brushes
... all are at your finger-tips
when you have a Curtis
broom closet unit like this.



Dish-washing is easier when you have roomy storage cabinets within easy reach.



Mother's day starts with breakfast!



Much of the work is taken out of baking when the kitchen is equipped for efficient use.

• In most homes, mother's day starts with the aroma of morning coffee—and her day is a very busy one. Surely, then, the first place to start to reduce housework is in the kitchen. Curtis cabinets are time- and laborsavers. And they are priced for budget-minded home owners. Every home can afford a modern kitchen! And the really modern kitchen is Curtis-equipped! Talk with your Curtis dealer and get full information and prices . . . without the least obligation.



"Dinner'll be ready soon!"
Welcome words for any man.
When the kitchen is gay and
easy-to-use, mother is generally
gay and easy-to-please!

color... at your command!

Very few women are satisfied to have some one else select their kitchen color scheme • For it's fun to be your own decorator . . . just as it's fun to plan your own kitchen • Your Curtis Kitchen may follow your own decorative trend • Color is at your command! All Curtis cabinets are furnished completely primed in white so that one finish coat, in any desired color, after installation, completes the job • All cabinets are packed in strong, dust-proof cartons for protection.

So you may be as individual as you please . . . glory in selecting colors you like best. Of course, you will want your cabinets to harmonize with other kitchen equipment. But some day you may wish to change your color scheme, for color trends, like styles, change frequently • Curtis wood cabinets may be decorated to suit your own ideas • This is not true of cabinets made of other materials which are completely finished at the factory • You must live with those colors the rest of your life . . . and if you don't care to do that, wood cabinets should be your choice.

Seven stock units make up this beautiful straight-wall installation of Curtis cabinets.





Twelve stock Curtis units were used in this U-shaped kitchen. The color selection is very pleasing.

a thing of beauty

Here and on pages 11 and 14... and on the front cover ... you see the beauty of COLOR in the kitchen • You see why it is desirable to select cabinets that may be decorated after your own ideas • Your kitchen is the nerve center of your home . . . the room that takes many of the honors the living room claims • Make it bright, gay, entertaining . . . let the colors of your choice help lighten your daily task of routine housework • There are many color schemes to choose from, each a practical plan that is easy to duplicate • With the aid of a few simple rules, you may decorate your kitchen to your own individual taste.

These rules are suggestions only . . . intended to point the way • 1. Your first step is to choose a basic background color • The size of your kitchen should be a governing factor in this selection • Large kitchens can stand a deeper tone for walls and ceilings • Wall paper and paint are equally popular • If paper is selected, it's generally a gay color • A light background will give the best reflection of light.

and a joy to work in!

2. After the background has been chosen, the decorative color may be picked out • This color, to give the proper pleasing contrast, should be bright and cheerful. It should be used sparingly • The kitchens shown in color in this book are good examples of modern color treatments • 3. Contrast may be gained by the decoration of the movable or changeable items, such as furniture, kitchen utensils, drapes, floor covering, etc. • The permanent fixtures, such as walls, ceilings, heavy appliances, should furnish the background color • 4. Always choose the background color first . . . and choose it carefully • Don't forget that in time you may tire of your color scheme.

Then the entire arrangement may be changed to fit your new idea . . . if you use wood cabinets. Your Curtis dealer, your painter, or your architect, will provide color suggestions, upon request, and help you to crystalize your ideas into your very own "dream kitchen" • Remember, though that no colors, no gadgets, no appliances can make up for poor planning or inferior cabinets.

Gay colors—and a splendid kitchen arrangement for a "working wife" or a small family.







Blue walls and ceiling; yellow curtains and seat covering; oyster white cabinets; dark blue marbleized linoleum, trim, white . . . a pleasing color scheme.



Walls and windows are painted a soft rose; ceiling is a gay floral paper design; cabinets are light brown; linoleum is stippled dark brown and rose.



A compact Curtis cabinet arrangement for small home or apartment.

as you like it!

Whether you build new or remodel, whether your kitchen is to be large or small, expensive or modest, you can have a Curtis-planned kitchen which will incorporate your ideas and be best suited to your family needs • Your Curtis kitchen need not cost you a penny more than you can afford now • If your budget is very limited, you may put in a small installation of cabinets, as pictured above • Other units may be added easily later on • But don't make the mistake of buying poorly-made cabinets • Buy the best—for you are buying permanent furniture for long years of use—and the difference in cost will be very little.



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Two-tone green cabinets; dark green ceiling — light green walls; counter top and woodwork is blue, trimmed in red; linoleum is marbleized blue.

for your every need!

Frequently people forget to include built-in home conveniences when building or remodeling. The absence of some of these little things tends to lengthen the housewife's work day • The cabinets pictured here are practical labor-savers and are inexpensive and easy to install in any home. Linen closets you'll surely need - maybe, two - certainly, one. These are made from stock Curtis cabinet units as shown below. The bathroom cabinets are stock units, too. And don't forget your cabinet for brooms, mops, cleaners, etc. This is generally built-in with the other kitchen units. The wall case ironing board may be installed any place. Board folds up and doors close. Easily fastened to wall.



C-6773 wall case ironing board.



Broom closet—two widths, 18" & 20".



Showing how Curtis cabinets may be used for storage in bathroom or powder room.





features women like in Curtis cabinets!

When you consider the great contribution which a Curtisequipped kitchen makes to the intrinsic as well as the re-sale value of your home - and the amount of actual living done in such a room — you'll be agreeably surprised to realize how little it costs. In fact, the average size Curtis kitchen costs no more than the average size paint job on a house - often much less. You will enjoy the benefits of a modern kitchen for many, many years — and unlike some purchases, you'll use it nearly every day. The kitchen is an "all-year" room — and that's why so many women place the kitchen first in listing home comforts and conveniences • These pages picture some of the important construction features and accessories of Curtis cabinets. All are features women like - little things to look at here, but big things to the busy housewife, with her very full day. You'll find few, if any, of these plus values in ordinary factory-made cupboards, or in units built on the job. Neither will you find them all in cabinets built of materials other than wood. These are Curtis Features which have helped to make the Curtis kitchen first choice of women everywhere. Leading home economists, cooking school teachers, and home editors of large women's magazines have long looked upon Curtis cabinets as the first step toward a modern and beautiful kitchen.



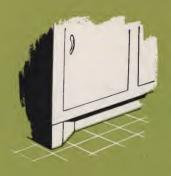
This handy towel rack slides back under the sink and behind a door of the sink front. Furnished as an accessory, if desired, and priced separately. It's always handy — and keeps towels out of sight.



Your dealer can furnish a Curtis linoleum counter top and splash back. Or you may use top of other material, if preferred. Curtis does not supply sinks.



Beautifully designed hardware, made exclusively for Curtis cabinets, is furnished and priced separately. Illustrated is drawer pull, hinge and door catch. All are chromium plated.



The usual practice in installing Curtis cabinets is to leave three inches of toe space, as illustrated above. This eliminates leg strain, and keeps shoes from soiling.



Curtis drawers are solidly built. Corners are dovetailed; back, front, and sides are plowed to take drawer bottom before joining by dovetail. They are always dust-proof!



You'll want at least one metal bread and cake drawer, with ventilated sliding cover. Drawer made with and without divider. Use two, if you wish—one above the other.



All Curtis cabinets are packed in strong dust-proof cartons. This insures delivery of clean, unmarred units to the job ready for quick installation.



Extremely useful is this Curtis spice shelf which may be used in any of the upper cabinets. Sold as an accessory. Now made in wire shelf.



This cutlery drawer insert, which is removable, is 14" long and is made in widths to fit top drawers of 16", 18" and 20" cabinets. Handy in any kitchen.



This bright metal soap tray goes in dummy drawer of sink front, right under sink. When closed it is like other drawers. Very handy for dish washing.



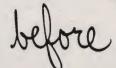
Quarter-circle corner shelves for plants, clock, knick-knacks, etc. are popular now. May be used wherever desired. Size 3/4"x12"x12". Quite decorative!



View showing easily cleaned interior of cabinet. Corners are eliminated by beveling corner posts. Holes are bored to make shelves adjustable.

dream it up and

• Here are three relics of another day — typical back-breaking kitchens that helped to make housewives old beyond their years. Yet, these are not kitchens of grandma's time. All three were photographed in 1945, before remodeling with Curtis cabinets. The "after" picture of each one is shown directly below. Why put off remodeling your kitchen? Do it now! Postpone other expenditures, if you must, but have a modern kitchen — for that's the one room that makes house-keeping either a joy or a daily burden for the house-wife. Dream it up — and do it now!





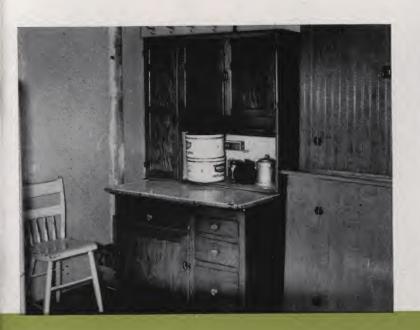
after

• No magic was responsible for the transformation you see in these kitchens. Each housewife knew, from tiring experience, how she wanted her new kitchen planned and equipped — and the Curtis dealer helped with his ideas and practical experience. No matter how old your kitchen may be — whatever the size or shape — it can be quickly modernized with Curtis cabinets. The cost will be reasonable, depending on the number of cabinets required. Your Curtis dealer will furnish full information. See him soon — and turn the old kitchen into one you'll be proud of!



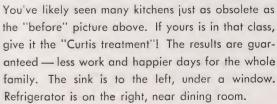
"We haven't a place for anything," stated the owner of the old kitchen above, when the "before" photo was taken. "I want those roomy, good looking Curtis cabinets I've seen in so many magazines," she added. Now she is very proud of her lovely new Curtis kitchen! — The refrigerator is to the left.

do it now!





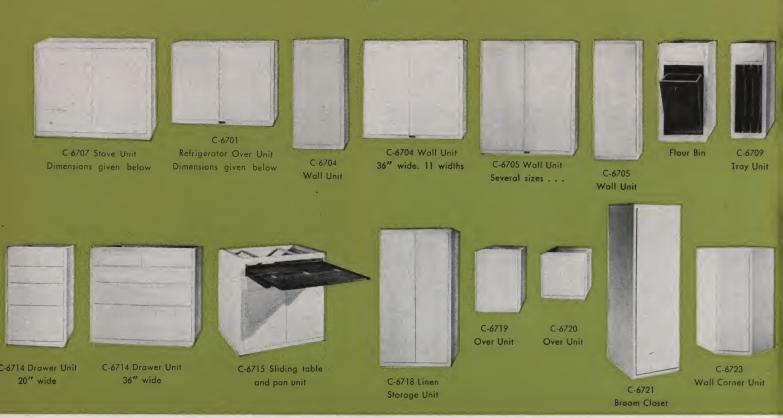


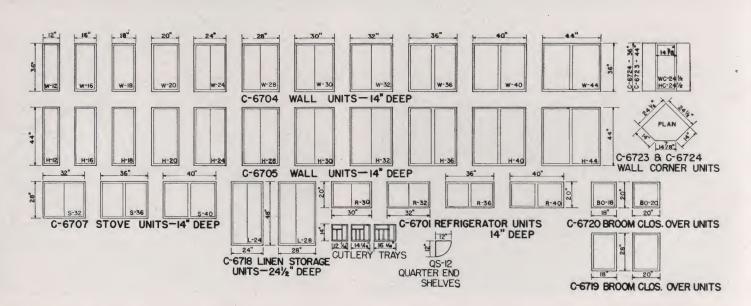




Here's a farm kitchen before and after a "Curtis treatment". Did you ever see a greater difference? Curtis cabinets combine every modern feature that contributes to lighten kitchen duties. Being wood, they may be decorated as desired by the owner and the color changed whenever you wish.

It's easy to plan your Kitchen





Here are illustrations of the basic units and some of the accessories which comprise the line of Curtis stock kitchen cabinets. The lower half of each page shows scaled drawings and dimensions of the individual units. There are 20 basic unit types and a total of 70 sizes in this series—plus several accessories which are priced separately from the cabinets • The dimensions of all Curtis cabinets have been standardized to harmonize with other standard kitchen equipment—stoves, sinks, refrigerators, dishwashers, freezers, and all such home appliances. Units above the counter top, which are wall units, are 14" deep; base units, broom closets and linen cabinets are 241/2" deep. The wall units

for use over these deeper cabinets are also $24\frac{1}{2}"$ deep • Wall units are available in two heights—36" and 44"—making two standard overall heights for unit combinations—87" and 95". The 87" height puts all shelves of wall units within easy reach, but for higher ceilings, the 95" height is preferable. Standard toe space of 3" in height is allowed which also brings counter tops to 36" high to line up with other kitchen equipment • With the wide range of widths of units available, varying 2" to 4", it is possible to fill any space to within a maximum of 2". A suitable filler strip or scribing mold may be used to fill this small space when it develops. So with the great flexibility

with these stock Curtis cabinets!



C-6710 Pan Unit



C-6710 Pan Unit 36" wide



C-6711 Pan and Bread Drawer Unit



C-6712 Bread Drawer Unit



C-6713 Mixer & Vegetable Storage Unit



C-6724 Wall Corner Unit



C-6725 Base Corner Unit



C-6726 Square Corner Unit



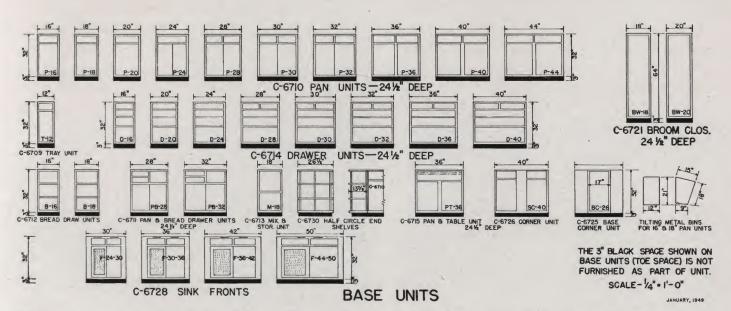
C-6728 Sink Front with plain doors



C-6728 Sink Front with grille metal doors



C-6730 Half Circle Shelves



of the Curtis line of cabinets, you can plan any type, size and style of kitchen or pantry desired and fill it with step- and labor-saving cabinets. Certain construction features of Curtis cabinets are patented by Curtis. The units are unusually strong and to test their rigidity, units have been dropped from a high building to a brick paving below. Inspection showed them to be plumb and little affected by such severe use. Few cabinets could stand such a test—certainly not the flimsy, poorly-constructed cabinets which are often sold at a price just a little under Curtis. Curtis cabinets are furnished completely primed in

white so that one finish coat, in any desired color, after installation, completes the job, or cabinets may be used without further painting, if desired. • The above details are all drawn to scale and these will show your builder or architect how to best utilize stock sizes of Curtis wood cabinets. Architects and contractors may secure, through their Curtis dealer, a copy of the new Curtis Catalog—and architects also may obtain the new Curtis Architects' Details. Both are available, however, only through the local Curtis Woodwork dealer in your community. Write us for his name.



lett plan one now its easy!



Shall we say this is your kitchen? Let's put in some Curtis cabinets so you'll see how easy it is to plan a step-saving kitchen—and how quickly these cabinets are installed.



The first two base cabinets to go in place are a square-corner unit (on left) and a pan unit. One half of corner unit is covered by end of abutting pan cabinet.

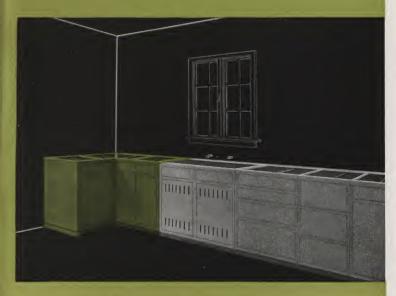


Three wall cabinets are now installed. The units on left and right are made in 11 widths—from 12" to 44" wide—so any practical wall space may be filled with cabinets.



Two more wall units complete installation. Now counter top and hardware can be added. Curtis furnishes both—priced separately. Prefabrication of units lowers installation cost.

See how easily Curtis sectional wood cabinets, one by one, can grow into that dream kitchen you've always wanted... a streamlined, beautiful combination of modern cabinets that save steps and reduce housework.



Here the sink front, drawer unit, bread drawer unit and pan unit are shown installed to complete the base cabinets on this side of the kitchen. All units are bolted securely together.



All cabinets now in place, counter top and hardware added. Because of the flexibility of Curtis units, hundreds of different arrangements are possible, all convenient and beautiful.



wood... for lifetime satisfaction

Home styles come and go. Building materials, too, come and go. But for centuries, WOOD has been considered our best material for kitchen cabinets, doors, windows, trim and for all exterior and interior millwork. For evidence of the durability of wood . . . examine the former homes of our forefathers! Many of the wood homes built in colonial times are still standing ... still sound . . . still able to speak with dramatic eloquence of the wisdom of those forefathers in choosing wood as a building material. Wood, too, has the beauty, the charm, the hospitality one expects to find in a home. Don't accept kitchen cabinets of inferior materials. Demand WOOD for lifetime satisfaction. For nothing quite equals wood in durability, workability, and adaptability to paint.

Remember... with wood cabinets you may change your kitchen color scheme as often as you wish.

Your Curtis Dealer...

will provide expert kitchen planning service and give you ideas and information on all other woodwork for your home. Curtis Woodwork is sold by leading lumber and material dealers everywhere. Your local dealer is a home building expert and you may rely on his recommendations. He has furnished Curtis Woodwork for many fine homes in your community, and he will handle your job most satisfactorily.

Curtis makes everything in builder's woodwork for the modern home. The Curtis line includes: Silentite Windows...Exterior and Interior Doors ... Frames ... Trim ... Entrances ... Molding ... Panel Work ... Kitchen Cabinets ... Cabinet Work ... Mantels ... Stairways ... Shutters ... Screens ... Storm Doors and Windows ... Garage Doors. Since 1866, it's been CURTIS for fine woodwork.

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